

Local News

Candy for Christmas at Parker's.

Wood sawyers are kept about as busy as any one these days.

Signor Bosco, next week Friday evening at the opera house.

A lively street row occurred on Sixth street Thursday evening.

Genuine seal caps cheap at Day & Meagher's.

See the announcement of Seelye & Buck in another column.

Ten cents now pays for a shave, at F. J. Smith's Front street barber shop.

Corncup! Corncup! Corncup! at E. E. M. Smith's.

The hand has been engaged to play at the roller rink on Christmas afternoon.

They do say that John Willis can tell the difference between blood and water.

Grapes, Nuts, Bananas, Oranges, Lemons, etc., at Parker's.

The water pipe in the Villard hotel burst Friday afternoon deluging the dining hall.

Mrs. C. M. Park has gone to Milwaukee, where she will remain until after the holidays.

Our stock of overshoes is now complete again in styles. Day & Meagher.

Remember the Christmas entertainment to be given by the Ladies Guild at the Opera House.

The city schools will close on Friday for two weeks vacation. They will open on Jan. 5th.

Pound and half-pound boxes of fancy candies for Christmas presents at E. E. M. Smith's.

We understand that J. O. Phillips, who died from exposure last week, had \$7,000 insurance on his life.

The meat market formerly owned by S. Walker has changed hands and the firm name is S. Walker & Sons.

Cigars, good, \$2 per box at Parker's.

Candy! Candy! Candy! at Parker's.

Sol Foster has engaged to go to Minneapolis to play in a band at one of the numerous roller rinks in that city.

Our job facilities have been crowded to their utmost the past few days. Superior work and low prices catches them.

999 values, comprising all styles and prices, just received at Day & Meagher's.

Smoke a good five cent cigar at Parker's.

The weather this week has been exceedingly cold, the thermometer getting down to 35 degrees on one or two occasions.

Edward Desnoyer, a brakeman on the Northern Pacific, was killed at Superior being caught in a frog and run over.

Silk Handkerchiefs in great variety cheap at Day & Meagher's.

A fine line of ladies' and gents' slippers at Day & Meagher's.

Miss Louise Youker goes to her home in Eau Claire to spend the holiday vacation which is given the teachers in the public schools.

A social play is in progress as we go to press this (Friday) evening at the Villard hotel. Dressable, excellent orchestra furnishes the music.

Warner's Safe Kitten Cure may be all right, but you can't beat the candy at Parker's.

The outside pages of to-day's Dispatch are exceedingly interesting, containing Christmas reading and news of a general character.

A pair of corsets is offered as a prize to the most graceful lady skater at the Bismarck roller rink. It is said the girls are doing their level best.

By referring to another column it will be seen that quite a change has been made in the programme for the musical and dramatic entertainment on Christmas night.

An exceedingly exciting race is being taken up between two champions of this city to come off on Christmas afternoon at the rink. The distance will be either five or ten mile.

Mr. Samuel Parker and Miss Maud Hodgson were married on Tuesday evening by the Rev. Davenport. The contracting parties are well known in this city and have many friends who will wish them every happiness.

The Linneman & Koop and Roth stocks of goods which are being closed out by Seelye & Buck have been greatly reduced and the store will be closed and the balance remaining undistributed to Lake City about January 2d.

George W. Vandervell, chief train dispatcher, will leave for Philadelphia on Monday morning to be absent until about the 20th of January. It is rumored that Mr. Vandervell will bring back a bride with him.

The gas-light opening at Cohen Bros. 76 cent store on Monday last was a success in every particular. The store was thronged with customers from 1 o'clock until 6, and many were the words of praise from them in regard to the artistically arranged store and the elegant display of goods.

Plain and fancy silk suspenders a fine line for the holidays at Day & Meagher's.

J. W. Thielert, whose office is in Thielert's building on Front street, and who deal exclusively in Pen. Best's kug and bottle beer and Peasley's ale and porter, are doing a rushing business. If you contemplate buying these luxuries for the holidays give them a call and sample their goods.

On Monday afternoon the room over the hose house in which the Burns-Mays preliminary examination was being held, was packed so full that the floor was considered unsafe and consequently on Tuesday morning an office was stationed at the door and only those admitted who must necessarily be in attendance.

New silk hats, spring styles, for 1884, at Day & Meagher's.

Speaking of Christmas and Christmas presents, why not buy your wife a clock at W. H. Webster's. Their elegant line of dry goods also offers extra inducements to purchasers. There are many articles that will make an elegant present and at the same time be substantial. Give them a trial and you will not regret it.

Fancy Layer Eggs and Pard dates at E. E. M. Smith's.

The Tribune of Saturday will contain a retraction of the item in its last issue as regards Policeman Kropp, that is if the editor of that sheet keeps his word to Mr. Cropp. That paper always being ready to jump on the scruff of someone's neck generally gets the foot into it, as in this case, as Mr. Cropp was not present at the shooting, nor knew anything about it until it was all over.

Four correct answers have been received to the Dispatch enigmas published last week. The correct list of answers will be published the next week of the ten puzzles have been published, with the name of the lucky person.

Gents' rolled plate cuff buttons and collar buttons. Good assortment cheap at Day & Meagher's.

Miss Laura Pember, a teacher in the city schools north of the track, has gone to Lake City, this state, to be present at the wedding of her sister, Miss Pember to Conductor Jurigan, both of whom are well known in this city. Miss Pember having been engaged as teacher in the schools here for some time. Mrs. D. K. Howard has charge of the school in her absence.

"The Mailman" is the prettiest first act seen this season. Call for one at Day & Meagher's.

Our new stock of warm wool stockings for boys and girls is now in. Day & Meagher.

The heavy weight race at the rink on Tuesday night took place as advertised. H. E. Leland being absent from town, his place was filled by Wm. Vaupel and although his weight did not reach the required avoirdupois of 200 pounds, he was allowed to enter. The race was for three miles, and it could be seen from the start that the contest lay between H. C. Stevens and Frank Hurst, with the Journal in the lead. Mr. Stevens gained half a lap on Hurst the first round and succeeded in keeping that much ahead of him to the end of the race, and passing Vaupel twice. The time made was a few seconds over thirteen minutes, and the prize a fine pair of Vineyard club shoes, was given to H. C. Stevens.

Chestnuts that every one can eat at E. E. M. Smith's.

According to a correspondent in the Little Falls News, Prof. Sanford, principal of the Little Falls schools of that place, is a terrible man, who humiliates Miss Fuller and Miss Brown, two lady teachers, in the presence of their pupils, by quoting Latin phrases, telling them it applies to their case and twisting them, with not knowing enough to translate it, calling their Sunday night escorts from church "no gentlemen" and grossly alluding to the face of Miss Brown's father. He also sneers at their reports and calls their pupils "brats," and otherwise makes their lives a burden, for which the board of education is called upon to redress.

Punch me now—punch me every day—with a Punch cigar at Parker's.

A Situation.

WANTED—By a young lady, a situation as clerk in a store. Can speak German and English. Address, Box 25, Howard Lake, Minn.

Day & Meagher are always up with the times. They have in the spring styles of stiff hats already.

Christmas Services.

Christmas will be observed at St. Paul's church at 10:30 o'clock a. m., with sermon and communion. The Sabbath school festival of songs, carrols, and presents on the Christmas tree on Friday evening the 26th at 7 p. m.

Cigars, cheap, from \$1.20 per box at Parker's.

No Change.

The act passed by the legislature in 1883 changing the boundaries of Crow Wing, Cass, and Morrison counties, did not become a law in the opinion of Attorney General Hahn, which was given on Saturday, as a majority of the electors in the counties were against it. The majority came from Morrison county which had no interest in the Crow Wing county change, but by the act they had a vote thereon, and by so doing not only defeated the change in their county but that of Crow Wing which voted in its favor. Of late there has been considerable trouble with the conveyance of papers and deeds and this will settle all disputes arising therefrom.

City and County orders bought by J. H. Douglas, Brainerd, Minn. Highest prices paid.

Signor Bosco.

The renowned magician will appear at the opera house on Friday, Saturday and Monday evenings, Dec. 26, 27, and 29. The Minneapolis Tribune has the following to say of him:

This renowned magician made his first appearance Tuesday evening before a large and enthusiastic audience. He was attended last evening. Bosco is extremely clever, his tricks are new and wonderful while a vein of humor adds brilliancy to the entire performance. The large number of costly presents given away gave good satisfaction. Mr. John Bombach, now the silver ice pitcher, and Miss J. Hegna the gold watch. To-night the Signor will make his last appearance. It will be a great night, and no doubt there will be another crowded house.

Admission 25 cents, reserved seats 35 cents.

Cob pipes free with a ten cent sack of tobacco at Parker's.

"Sweeter than all the Roses" is the candy at Parker's.

A Fight Arranged.

Nearly all of our citizens who are at all interested in sporting matters are acquainted with Morris Haffey, a brakeman and a pugilist of some note, and who for some time made his headquarters in this city. This man Haffey stood up before Sullivan at St. Paul, and was knocked out, and now wants to meet C. A. Smith of St. Paul. The Globe of Thursday gives an account of a sparring match in that city, and winds up with the following:

"Mr. Barnes then announced that it was intended for C. A. Smith to spar with Haffey, but the Chief of Police Clark had forbidden the latter's entrance upon the stage to contend with Smith. This Haffey is the man that was knocked out by Sullivan, and in some way some feeling has got up between him and Smith. It is for this reason, as is supposed, that Chief Clark forbids their meeting. After Mr. Haffey had made this announcement Haffey came out on the stage and declared that he was ready and willing to meet Smith at any time and anywhere and try conclusions with him. He displayed a good deal of feeling and is evidently in dead earnest. To the audience Mr. Barnes stated that Louis Liverpool would put on the gloves with Smith, and he did so. When Smith came out he made a most little speech in which he stated that the proof of the pudding was in the eating of it, and that he was ready at any time to try conclusions with him. After the entertainment was over, Morris Haffey and C. A. Smith met at Barnes & Jones' saloon and signed articles to fight in a brush, Marquis of Queensbury rules, soft gloves, for \$200 a side, between the hours of 3 and 12 p. m. on the 15th of January next. Forfeits were put up and the whole affair put on a sound financial basis. Both men are on their mettle and in earnest. It will be a fight for blood, sure."

Pur caps for ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, at Day & Meagher's.

A handsome fur robe would make a nice present, particularly as it can be bought cheap at Day & Meagher's.

The Burns-Mays Imbroglio.

As stated in our issue of last week the Mays girls, Emma and Loretta, their father, and brother-in-law, Robert Tollman, were arrested on complaint of Jack Burns for assault with intent to kill. The parties were brought into court last afternoon and the case adjourned until Monday when the trial opened. Col. C. B. Sleeper appeared for the state and E. N. Donaldson for the defense. The case was nearly as stated in last week's issue. Burns being put on the stand swore that he was in McLean's saloon on Friday evening, and that Tollman was hanging around there, ostensibly with the object of keeping his weather-eye on him, although at the time nothing was thought of it, and that Mr. Mays came into the place, treated the crowd and went out, when suddenly two youths, apparently, put in an appearance and ordered drinks but were refused, when they took cigars, lighted them, and called the crowd up to drink. As Burns stepped up to the bar he was told to look out as these persons were the Mays girls in disguise, being clad in male attire. At this juncture the old man made his appearance on the scene and immediately the girls turned and went out and Burns and the others followed in a few moments. That the girls went down Front street and that he, Burns, started for a policeman to have them put under restraint as they looked dangerous. That he went around the six street and when in front of Day & Meagher's store he met them, and one of them addressed him in no gentle tone, saying, "you son of a—, we have been looking for you." Burns says he told them they had found him but not to show any signs of shooting or he would kill them both, and stood them off while he backed up towards the alley way into which he dodged just in time to get out of the way of a bullet fired by one of them, and which was repeated eight or ten times, without any attempt on his part to shoot them.

Mr. Mays testimony was to the effect that he knew nothing of the girls going out in that style and that when he found them in McLean's saloon, he sent them home and supposed they had gone until he heard the racket on Fifth street where he quickly went and arrived in time to send a shot after Burns, who, according to his story was firing from the alley at the girls.

Emma Mays testimony was to the effect that herself and sister Loretta had conceived the idea of disguising themselves in men's clothing and going out to hunt up Jack Burns. That when they found him they would engage in conversation, ask him to drink if necessary and get him to disclose his plans and what he intended to bring out in the coming rape trial that they have on hand for the January term of court in Morrison county, taking it for granted that he would not recognize them and would give the whole thing away. That they were armed with self cocking revolvers, although they did not intend to use them unless necessary. That after being discovered in the McLean saloon by their father they started home going around on Fifth street which was exactly opposite to what Burns swore to as their father requested them to, that Burns followed them up and when near Day & Meagher's he grabbed Emma and threw her around saying "I know you are the d— in disguise, and I intend to murder you." when a shot was fired and the girls returned the fire but without effect. The girl also stated that she had previously intended to kill Burns, but upon reflection of her parents had changed her mind and that she would do with him. The testimony of the other girl was substantially the same.

At the conclusion of the examination Tollman was discharged from custody and the other parties were bound over to the March term of the district court under bonds of \$750.

After skirmishing around for some time the parties appeared before Judge Douglas and told him that they did not intend to furnish any bail and that they might put them in jail if the court saw fit. Judge Douglas issued a commitment to Sheriff Metz, under whose charge they are, although they are allowed their freedom.

We have a choice line of pure silk pocket handkerchiefs with pretty borders which we are selling very low, at Day & Meagher's.

The fat man's race "was good," and so is the candy at Parker's.

We have just received from an eastern manufacturer two cases of gents' fine shoes, in button, ball and congress, which we shall sell at prices that will make the strictest economist smile with satisfaction.

DAY & MEAGHER.

Go to E. E. M. Smith's for Christmas presents in the smoker's line, such as Meersbaum and French Bryar Pipes, Cigar and Cigarette Holders and Cases, and Fine Havana cigars put up 25 in a box.

Brainerd and the Land Office.

The correspondent of the Minneapolis Tribune from St. Cloud shows that the people of that city are squirming considerably over the proposed removal of the land office from their town to this city. It says that "there is a report from Washington to the effect that our Brainerd friends are working hard to secure the removal of the land office from St. Cloud to that city. C. F. Kindred is on the ground with a carpet bag full of papers to show wherein the government would be better served with a land office at Brainerd. The law relating to office removals is found in section 2361, revised statutes of the United States, and is as follows:

"The president is authorized to change the location of land offices in the different land districts established by law, and to relocate the same from time to time, as he may deem expedient."

"To secure the location of a land office within her own borders has long been the cherished aim and purpose of our rural population. This was the ruling spirit of our ambitious neighbor two years ago, when they brought Kindred out for Congress, and waged such a fierce campaign as to fasten on this district the epithet of the 'lightning fifth.' But the powers that be at St. Cloud prevailed, and the tantalizing land office is still here."

A pair of those high button kid boots, with tassels on would make the little girl a nice Christmas present. Call and see them at Day & Meagher's.

To Water Consumers.

The next quarterly rental will be due January first and payable at the office of the company. Six days grace will be given consumers to make payments but where rentals remain unpaid on January 7th the company will consider such non-payment a notice that water is no longer wanted and will immediately shut it off. At any time thereafter it will cost the consumer one dollar to have connection made.

O. E. HAVILL.

Trans. B. W. Co.

Take it Hard.

Ed. Fuller, the man who was committed to the county jail for stealing a watch from A. L. Hoffman is quite wrathful. He was sent up for thirty days and had served thirty days of his time when he conceived the idea of breaking jail, which he did successfully and was out just a month when he was again caged at Duluth and brought back. His time for the first offense expired Wednesday morning, and if he had been orderly and had not broken out he would to-day have been a free man again, but instead of that Deputy Mattson brought him before Judge Douglas on the charge of breaking jail. Fuller expected to get 30 days more for this last act, and when his Honor told him that he would have him released to the mercy of the grand jury and the district court which convenes in March, his calmness left him and he raved and tore his hair, and swore vengeance on Judge Douglas and Sheriff Morris. He thinks that he has been confined long enough, but he will find that if he commits a misdemeanor he will have to suffer the consequences.

Oranges, "Florida Sweets" at E. E. M. Smith's.

Gents' colored bordered, hem stitched handkerchief, fine quality at Day & Meagher's.

Lemons, "Fancy Malaysia" at E. E. M. Smith's.

Musical and Dramatic Entertainment.

On Christmas night the ladies of St. Paul's Guild will give a musical and dramatic entertainment at the Sleeper Opera House. The entertainment will be one of the finest ever given in this city. The following is the programme:

PART FIRST.

Piano Solo.....Miss Carrie Smith

Vocal Solo.....Mrs. H. H. Barber

Quintette.....

Messrs. Camp, Hitecock, Artman and Congdon.

Vocal.....Mrs. Farnham

Taliquans.....Miss M. M. M.

Mamie Sherwood, Bessie Mulline, Mabel Jones, Grace Walker, Bruce Walker, Florence Howard, Miss M. M. M., Grandchildren, Miss Hitecock, Mrs. J. L. Smith, Mrs. J. H. Bryant, Willie French, Emma Wadhams, Miss M. M. M., Miss M. M. M., Miss M. M. M., Hitecock, Hitecock, Furness, Day, Hartley and Stanley.

PART SECOND.

Piano Solo.....Miss Mabel White

Vocal Solo.....Miss A. Mulline

Vocal Duet.....Miss Hitecock and Mrs. G. Hartley

Solo.....Miss Hitecock and Mr. Alderman Taliquans

Mamie Metcalf, Fannie Wakeley, Mabel Jones, Ella Elridge, Miss Mulline, Mabel Jones, Mrs. E. H. Haren, Artist Mr. Ed. Houx.

The play will be "The Rough Diamond." Chorus, "Our Little Play is Done," from Erangeline.

Admission 35 and 50 cents. Reserved seats on sale at Cable's and McFadden's Opera House, drug store, and the Villard Hotel, and at Paquin's drug store in East Brainerd.

Try for the Book.

Ten enigmas have been furnished the DISPATCH by a correspondent in the city, two of which will be printed each week until they have all been published. The answers to them will be the name of some popular young lady and gentleman of this city. The person sending us the greatest number of correct answers during the five weeks will be presented with a copy of Whittier's poems. If two or more send in the same number of correct answers the recipient will be determined by lot.

NUMBER 3.

I am composed of 18 letters.

My 9, 7, 2, past time.

My 11, 16, 13, a kind of poem.

My 10, 6, 12, 11, 17, a ladies' friend.

My 15, 14, 17, 18, to repair.

My 4, 9, 16, 3, is good to eat.

My whole is the name of a popular young lady of this city.

NUMBER 4.

I am composed of 18 letters.

My 15, 6, 10, 11, to part with.

My 13, 12, 5, 9, 12, to be a fool.

My 5, 14, 16, 13, a kind of tree.

My 8, 2, 4, 1, 6, a rod.

My 7, 9, 16, 5, 15, to relinquish.

My 17, 3, 10, 2, a kind of fruit.

My whole is the name of a prominent young man of this city.

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He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: John H. Bidding, E. E. Jones, Fred Reid, A. F. Hill, all of Crow Wing county, Minn., and D. H. Freeman, Register.

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Brainerd Dispatch

Issued every Thursday morning at Brainerd, Minn. Terms \$1.50 per year in advance.

N. H. Ingersoll, Editor and Proprietor. F. W. Wieland, Editor and Proprietor.

OFFICIAL PAPER OF CROW WING, CASS, and ST. CLOUD COUNTIES, and the City of Brainerd.

Entered at the Post Office at Brainerd, Minn., as second-class matter.

Chippewa Fall Wis., had a \$200,000 fire on Saturday night last.

A sheep-raising company has been organized in Kittson county.

The publication of the treaty with Spain cost New York Times \$6,418.

A farmer near Cortland N. Y., struck a vein of anthracite coal of excellent quality.

Over 1,022 acres of government land was taken by homestead at Duluth last Friday.

Dodge county paid 200 gopher and five wolf bounties during the month of November.

W. H. Shumny was arrested at Duluth for selling liquor without a government license.

A strike among the Telegraph operators is expected, owing to the reduction of wages.

What will the dudes do if the Spanish treaty is passed. Cigars will be cheaper than cigarettes.

Wm. Richman a blacksmith of St. Cloud was badly mutilated in a bar room fight at St. Martin.

Queen Victoria's the nominal head of the British government, but Marquis of Queensbury rules.

The printers of the Columbus (Ohio) Evening Times attached that paper for wages amounting to \$280.

It is now asserted that John R. McLean is desirous of getting the post office department under his control.

The Mormons are working Minnesota. It is reported that 47 converts have recently left Minneapolis for Utah.

The Luerne gun club is arranging a match with the Sportsman's club of Genesee, Ill., for \$500 a side.

M. J. Martin is experimenting with kiln drying cord wood for western shipment at his wood camp near Long Prairie.

Two thousand people attended the Carnival of Nations at the Lealand & Crocker rink Minneapolis on Tuesday evening.

The settlers on railroad lands in Meske and Renville counties are said to be in destitute condition on account of poor crops.

The Hoople roller flouring mill at Sauk Centre was destroyed by fire Wednesday afternoon. Loss \$15,000; insured for 10,000.

The Pelican Rapids Times suspended owing to the poor health of the publisher, H. Rothbun. The paper was financially a failure.

Sylvester Alexander, a colored man of Detroit has been arrested and held to the grand jury for selling liquor to the White Earth Indians.

The editor of the Parker, D. T., Era, has been presented with a two-headed calf, says an exchange, but it fails to state who presented him with it.

James G. Blaine has withdrawn his libel suit against the Indianapolis Sentinel. The principal ground was that he could not get justice in Indiana.

The approximate gross earnings of the Northern Pacific road for the second week in December foot up \$168,781, an increase of \$4,761 over the corresponding week last year.

In Crow Wing county according to Commissioner Nordron for the year of 1883 there were 217 births and 102 deaths. In Murray county there were 158 births and no deaths.

John McCullough the actor, is behaving very quietly, living economically, and doing nothing. The things confirm his friends in the belief that John is hopelessly demoralized.

Jay Gould has great respect for Cleveland since his election and thinks Democratic administration is just that the people wanted anyhow. Jay has got his eye onto something surely.

The French complain that the absurd Chinamen don't know when they are whipped. In this the celestial violate all rules of modern warfare and the powers should see that they are brought to time.

The Northern Pacific report their road open throughout, and that no stoppage or trouble has been caused by the cold weather, although the thermometer shows from ten to twenty below along the entire line.

Spink county, D. T. has been the scene of a lively county seat fight and the Fargo guards had to be called out to quiet the mob, but the inhabitants of Ashton are happy now as Redville has yielded up the records and peace once more prevails.

A destructive storm of wind and rain devastated many acres of fine orchards and forests near and around Erie Pa., on Monday. Several stock trains were blown from the track and wrecked. The city of Buffalo was also visited by the same storm and many buildings were demolished.

A heater in an N. P. passenger coach near Mandan burst on Tuesday night, while standing on the side track. The window and doors of the coach were blown out and the car was otherwise wrecked. If it had occurred a little later a number of lives would have been lost. Fortunately no one was in the car.

Fergus Falls, Crookston and Moorhead are all red hot over the removal of all headquarters business from those towns to Barnesville. Moorhead's elegant Grand Pacific hotel costing \$200,000 is left out in the cold, and they swear by all that's good and great that they will get another road into these towns with all possible speed.

A Milwaukee girl, in crossing a street lifted her skirt, displaying a brilliant scarlet petticoat, and was paralyzed to notice a Texas steer, in a passing herd, drop his horns and aim himself at her. She lost her presence of mind and her grip on her skirt at the same instant, and as the inflammatory challenge went out of sight, he accepted her apology and went about his business.

The Minneapolis Tribune says that there is a sort of armed truce existing at present between the Northern Pacific express company and the Wells Fargo express.

Neither one knows as yet which way the cat will jump, but both have their backs bowed and their bristles up. Just one tiny little meow from either side and the fur will fly after the most approved tomat style.

Ashland will be left out of the river and harbor bill now being prepared. Congressman Stephenson had expected to have a survey made in season to secure a small appropriation, perhaps as much as \$25,000, but Col. Barlow, who was ordered to survey Ashland harbor and report an estimate for necessary improvements, replies to Gen. Parke assistant chief of engineers, that ice now prevents a survey being completed, and he does not think it advisable to attempt to do so in the expectation of getting an estimate before congress this season. Gen. Parke says he will not order Col. Barlow to go on with the survey, as he has already ordered him to make it, and that is as far as he desires to act in the matter. The consequences will be that Ashland's harbor will bill be left out in the cold.

Will Build to Chicago The Chicago Times says: It is said to be practically settled that the Wisconsin Central people will build a line of their own into Chicago. They have little hope that the Milwaukee & St. Paul contract will hold, and arrangements have already been made, it is said, to build a line at once to Chicago. There line now extends from near St. Paul to Schlessinger-ville near Milwaukee. The proposed route of the Chicago extension will run west of the Milwaukee & St. Paul road and entrance to Chicago it is said, can readily be secured over the tracks of the Chicago & Western Indiana. It is pretty clearly settled that the Central will not join the North-western traffic association until it has gone through the usual preliminary war of rates.

The Cold Spell of '66 "Speaking about cold weather" said the oldest inhabitant yesterday afternoon, "this is nothing in comparison with the spell we had in '66. Why sir, it was so cold for three weeks and running that I have seen the water freeze in the tea kettle on a red hot stove. Don't believe it! Fact, sure you're living. During that spell all I had to do was to poke a stick of cord wood through a hole in the shed, and the blizzard cut it off slicker'n any buxack could do it. I cut twelve cords of wood that way during the three weeks, and I'd have got in more work only I couldn't move around fast enough, because you see I was sewed up between to feather beds and had to stand with my bare feet on hot bricks to keep the life in me.

"It was during that year that the water froze in the steamboat boilers and we couldn't get any mail or provisions from the south.

"How did the mercury go during that spell?" asked the reporter.

"There was no telling—every thermometer in town had burst open. I came into the house one night and found my boy playing with an icicle.

"Where he got it and she told me that it was the mercury out of the thermometer.

"The ice crop must have been abundant that year."

"Couldn't do any thing with it till near the middle of July, when it had thawed down thin enough to cut I handled it with a derick."

"Will you step in here a moment?"

"In where?"

"Into that office."

"What for?"

"I want you to swear to these statements before a notary public: the city editor won't believe me when I write this out, unless I have your affidavit."

"No, I object to taking an oath of any kind. Give him my name, that'll be sufficient. There isn't a man in Minneapolis that wouldn't take my word as quick as my oath."

Gold Hath Grazed Them. The gold excitement at Duluth is on the increase, and the people seem to be wild with excitement. The land office is crowded with people who are trying to take up land in the gold-bearing regions. Nearly all of townships 65-6 64-7 and 65-7 has been entered upon, mainly by homesteaders. A number of ladies are among the settlers. A Canadian company is running a stamp mill about 30 miles from the boundary and seem to be satisfied with the results as they will not sell any stock. The ore so far found yields about \$15 to the ton, and costs about \$4 to mine.

Cutting Down Passes. At a meeting held at Milwaukee November 14, 1884, by the managers of the Chicago & North-western, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, Chicago St. Paul & Omaha, Milwaukee & Northern, Milwaukee Lake Shore & Western, and Wisconsin Central roads, it was resolved that in the issuing of annual of time passes for 1885, the word "family" shall not be used, but that when more than one person is intended to be provided for, they shall be specifically designated by name or title as wife, daughter, etc., and also that no annual passes or free transportation of any kind shall be issued to hotel keepers or proprietors. It was also determined that transportation issued to presiding elders shall be limited to half fare per mile.

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Local News

Candy for Christmas at Parker's.

Wood sawyers are kept about as busy as any one these days.

Signor Rosco, next week Friday evening at the opera house.

A lively street row occurred on Sixth street Thursday evening.

Genuine seal caps cheap at Day & Meagher's.

See the announcement of Seelye & Buck in another column.

Ten cents now pays for a shave at F. J. Smith's front street barber shop.

Cornucopias! Cornucopias! Cornucopias!!! at E. E. M. Smith's.

The band has been engaged to play at the roller rink on Christmas afternoon.

They do say that John Willis can tell the difference between blood and water.

Grapes, Nuts, Bananas, Oranges, lemons, etc., at Parker's.

The water pipe in the Villard hotel burst Friday afternoon deluging the dining hall.

Mrs. C. M. Patek has gone to Milwaukee, where she will remain until after the holidays.

Our stock of overshoes is now complete again in styles. Day & Meagher.

Remember the Christmas entertainment to be given by the Ladies Guild at the Opera House.

The city schools will close on Friday for a two weeks vacation. They will open on Jan. 5th.

Pound and half-pound boxes of fancy candies for Christmas presents at E. E. M. Smith's.

We understand that J. O. Phillips, who died from exposure last week, had \$7,000 insurance on his life.

The meat market formerly owned by S. Walker has changed hands and the firm name is S. Walker & Sons.

Cigars, good, \$3 per box at Parker's.

Candy! Candy!!! at Parker's.

Sol. Foster has engaged to go to Minneapolis to play in a band at one of the numerous roller rinks in that city.

Our job facilities have been crowded to their utmost the past four weeks. Superior work and low prices catches them.

999 valises, comprising all styles and prices, just received at Day & Meagher's.

Smoke a good five cent cigar at Parker's.

The weather this week has been exceedingly cold, the thermometer getting down to 35 degrees on one or two occasions.

Edward Desnoyer, a brakeman on the Northern Pacific, was killed at Superior being caught in a frog and run over.

Silk handkerchiefs in great variety cheap at Day & Meagher's.

A fine line of ladies' and gents' slippers at Day & Meagher's.

Miss Lorraine Youker goes to her home in Eau Claire to spend the holiday vacation which is given the teachers in the public schools.

A social hop is in progress as we go to press this (Friday) evening at the Villard hotel. Dressmaker's excellent orchestra furnish the music.

Warner's Safe Kidney Cure may be all right, but you can't beat the candy at Parker's.

The outside pages of to-day's DISPATCH are exceedingly interesting, containing Christmas reading and news of a general character.

A pair of corsets is offered as a prize to the most graceful lady skater at the Bismarck roller rink. It is said the girls are all doing their level best.

By referring to another column it will be seen that quite a change has been made in the programme for the musical and dramatic entertainment on Christmas night.

An exceedingly exciting race is being talked up between two champions of this city to come off on Christmas afternoon at the rink. The distance will be either five or ten mile.

Mr. Samuel Parker and Miss Maud Hodgson were married on Tuesday evening by the Rev. Davenport. The contracting parties well known in this city and have many friends who will wish them untold happiness.

The Linneman & Koop and Roth stocks of goods which are being closed out by Seelye & Buck have been greatly reduced and the store will be closed and the balance remaining unsold removed to Lake City about January 2d.

George W. Vanderveer, chief train dispatcher, will leave for Philadelphia on Monday morning to be absent until about the 20th of January. It is rumored that Mr. Vanderveer will bring back a bride with him.

The gas-light opening at Cohen Bros. 26 cent store on Monday last was a success in every particular. The store was thronged with customers from 1 o'clock until 6, and many were the words of praise from them in regard to the artistically arranged store and the elegant display of goods.

Plain and fancy silk suspenders a fine line for the holidays at Day & Meagher's.

J. & W. Thelvet, whose office is in Thelvet's building on Front street, and who deal exclusively in P. Hest's dog and bottle beer and Peasley's ale and porter, are doing a rushing business. If you contemplate buying these luxuries for the holidays give them a call and sample their goods.

On Monday afternoon the room over the hose house in which the Burns-Mays preliminary examination was being held, was packed so full that the floor was considered unsafe and consequently on Tuesday morning an officer was stationed at the door and only those admitted who were necessarily be in attendance.

New stiff hats, spring styles, for 1885, at Day & Meagher's.

Speaking of Christmas and Christmas presents, why not buy your wife a clock at W. H. Weibler's. Their elegant line of dry goods also offers extra inducements to purchasers. There are many articles that will make an elegant present and at the same time be substantial. Give them a trial and you will not regret it.

Fancy Layer Figs and Fard dates at E. E. M. Smith's.

The Tribune of Saturday will contain a retraction of the item in its last issue as regards Policeman Cross, that is if the officer of that sheet keeps his word to Mr. Cross. That paper always being ready to jump onto the scent of someone's neck generally gets the foot into it, as in this case, as Mr. Cross was not present at the shooting, nor knew anything about it until it was all over.

Four correct answers have been received to the DISPATCH enigmas published last week. The correct list of answers will be published the next week after the ten puzzles have been published, with the name of the lucky person.

Gents' rolled plate cuff buttons and collar buttons. Good assortment cheap at Day & Meagher's.

Miss Laura Pember, a teacher in the city schools worth of the track, has gone to Lake City, this state, to be present at the wedding of her sister, Miss Inez Pember to Conductor Jurigan, both of whom are well known in this city. Miss Pember having been engaged as teacher in the schools here for some time. Mrs. Dik Howard has charge of the school in her absence.

"The Mailman" is the prettiest first scarf seen this season. Call for one at Day & Meagher's.

Our new stock of warm wool stockings for boys and girls is now in. Day & Meagher.

The heavy weight race at the rink on Tuesday night took place as advertised. H. E. Leland being absent from town, his place was filled by Wm. Vaupel and although his weight did not reach the required weight of 200 pounds, he was allowed to enter. The race was for three miles, and it could be seen from the start that the contest lay between H. C. Silvers and Frank Hurst, with the Journal in the lead. Mr. Silvers gained half a lap on Hurst the first round and succeeded in keeping that much ahead of him to the end of the race, and passing Vaupel twice. The time made was a few seconds over thirteen minutes, and the prize a fine pair of Vineyard club skates, was given to H. C. Silvers.

Chestnuts that every one can eat at E. E. M. Smith's.

According to a correspondent in the Little Falls Sun, Prof. Sanford, principal of the Little Falls schools of that place, is a terrible man, who humiliates Miss Fuller and Miss Brown, two lady teachers, in the presence of their pupils, by quoting Latin phrases, telling them it applies to their case and twisting them with not knowing enough to translate it, calling their Sunday night escorts from church "no gentlemen" and grossly alluding to the fate of Miss Brown's father. He also sneers at their reports and calls their pupils "brats," and otherwise makes their lives a burden, for which the board of education is called upon to redress.

Punch me now—punch me every day—with a Punch cigar at Parker's.

A Situation. WANTED—By a young lady, a situation as clerk in a store. Can speak German and English. Address, Box 25, Howard Lake, Minn.

Day & Meagher are always up with the times. They have in the spring styles of stiff hats already.

Christmas Services. Christmas will be observed at St. Paul's church at 10:30 o'clock a. m., with sermon and communion. The Sabbath school festival of songs, carol, and presents from the Christmas tree on Friday evening the 26th at 7 p. m.

Cigars, cheap, from \$1.20 per box at Parker's.

No Change. The act passed by the legislature in 1883 changing the boundaries of Crow Wing, Cass, and Morrison counties did not become a law in the opinion of Attorney General Hahn, which was given on Saturday, as a majority of the electors in the counties were against it. The majority came from Morrison county which had no interest in the Crow Wing county change, but by the act they had a vote thereon and by so doing not only defeated the change in their county but that of Crow Wing which voted in its favor. Of late there has been considerable trouble with the conveyance of papers and deeds and this will settle all disputes arising therefrom.

City and County orders bought by J. B. Douglas, Brainerd, Minn., at lowest prices paid.

Signor Rosco.

The renowned magician will appear at the opera house on Friday, Saturday and Monday evenings, Dec. 26, 27, and 28. The Minneapolis Tribune has the following to say of him:

This renowned magician made his first appearance Tuesday evening at the opera house and drew an immense audience numbering upwards of one thousand people, who were so delighted with the splendid entertainment that an equally large audience again attended last evening. Rosco is extremely clever, his tricks are new and wonderful while a vein of humor adds brilliancy to the entire performance. The large number of costly presents given away gave good satisfaction. Mr. John Bonbach was the silver ice pitcher and Miss Hegna the gold watch. To-night the Signor will make his last appearance; it will be a great night and no doubt there will be another grand hour.

Admission 25 cents, reserved seats 35 cents.

Cob pipes free with a ten cent sack of tobacco at Parker's.

"Sweetest than all the Roses" is the candy at Parker's.

A Fight Arranged. Nearly all four citizens who are at all interested in sporting matters are acquainted with Morris Haffey, a brakeman and a pugilist of some note, and for some time made his headquarters in this city. This man Haffey stood up before Sullivan at St. Paul, and was knocked out, and now wants to meet C. A. C. Smith of St. Paul. The Globe of Thursday gives an account of a sparring match in that city, and winds up with the following:

"Mr. Barnes then announced that it was intended for C. A. Smith to spar with Haffey, but the Chief of Police Clark had forbidden the latter's going upon the stage to contend with Smith. This Haffey is the man that was knocked out by Sullivan, and in some way some feeling has got up between him and Smith. It is for this reason, as is supposed, that Chief Clark forbids their meeting. After Mr. Barnes had made this announcement Haffey came out on the stage and declared that he was ready and willing to meet Smith at any time and anywhere and try conclusions with him. He displayed a good deal of feeling and is evidently in dead earnest. To fill out the bill and not disappoint the audience Mr. Barnes stated that Louis Liverpool would put on the gloves with Smith, and he did so. When Smith came out he made a neat little speech in which he stated that the proof of the pudding was in the eating of it, and that he was ready at any time to meet Haffey. After the entertainment was over, Morris Haffey and C. A. C. Smith met in Barnes & Jones' saloon and signed articles to fight to a finish, Marquis of Queensbury rules, soft gloves, for \$200 a side, between the hours of 3 and 12 p. m. on the 15th of January next. Forfeits were put up and the whole affair put on a sound financial basis. Both men are on their mettle and in earnest. It will be a fight for blood, sure."

For caps for ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, at Day & Meagher's.

A handsome fur robe would make a nice present, particularly as it can be bought cheap at Day & Meagher's.

The Burns-Mays Imbroglio.

As stated in our issue of last week the Mays girls, Emma and Loretta, their father, and brother-in-law, Robert Tollman, were arrested on complaint of Jack Burns for assault with intent to kill. The parties were brought into court Saturday afternoon and the case adjourned until Monday when the ball opened. Col. C. B. Sleeper appeared for the state and E. N. Donaldson for the defense. The case was nearly as stated in last week's issue. Burns being put on the stand swore that he was in McLean's saloon on Friday evening, and that Tollman was hanging around there, ostensibly with the object of keeping his wealth-ery on him, although at the time nothing was thought of it, and that Mr. Mays came into the place, treated the crowd and went out, when suddenly two couples, apparently put in an appearance and ordered drinks but were refused, when they took cigars, lighted them, and called the crowd up to drink. As Burns stepped up to the bar he was told to look out as these persons were the Mays girls in disguise, being clad in male attire. At this juncture the old man made his appearance on the scene and immediately the girls turned and went out and Burns and the others followed in a few moments. That the girls went down Front street and that he, Burns, started for a policeman to have them put under restraint as they looked dangerous. That he went around on 5th street and when in front of Day & Meagher's store he met them, and one of them addressed him in a gentle tone, saying, "you son of—", we have been looking for you." Burns says he told them they had found him but not to show any signs of shooting or he would kill them both, and stood them off while he backed up towards the alley way into which he hedged just in time to get out of the way of a bullet fired by one of them, and which was repeated eight or ten times, without any attempt on his part to shoot them.

Mr. Mays testimony was to the effect that he knew nothing of the girls going out in that style and that when he found them in McLean's saloon, he sent them home and supposed they had gone until he heard the racket on Fifth street where he quickly went and arrived in time to send a shot after Burns, who, according to his story was firing from the alley at the girls.

Emma Mays testimony was to the effect that herself and sister Loretta had conceived the idea of disguising themselves in men's clothing and going out to hunt up Jack Burns. That when they found him they would engage in conversation, ask him to drink if necessary and get him to disclose his plans and what he intended to bring out in the coming rape trial that they have on hand for the January term of court in Morrison county, taking it for granted that he would not recognize them and would give the whole thing away. That they were armed with self cocking revolvers, although they did not intend to use them unless necessary. That after being discovered in the McLean saloon by their father they started home going around on Fifth street (which was exactly opposite to what Burns swore to) as their father requested them to, that Burns followed them up and when near Day & Meagher's he grabbed Emma and threw her around saying "I know you are the d—", in disguise, and I intend to murder you," when shot was fired and the girls returned the fire but without effect. The girl also stated that she had previously intended to kill Burns, but upon reflection of her parents had given the idea up to see what the law would do with him. The testimony of the other girl was substantially the same.

At the conclusion of the examination Tollman was discharged from custody and the other parties were bound over to the March term of the district court under bonds of \$750. After sketching around for some time the parties appeared before Judge Douglas and told him that they did not intend to furnish any bail and that they might put them in jail if the court saw fit. Judge Douglas issued a commitment to Sheriff Mertz, under whose charge they are, although they are allowed their freedom.

We have a choice line of pure silk possee handkerchiefs with pretty borders which we are selling very low, at Day & Meagher's.

The fat man's race "was good," and so is the candy at Parker's.

DAY & MEAGHER.

Go to E. E. M. Smith's for Christmas presents in the smoker's line, such as Meershaum and French Bryar Pipes, Cigar and Cigarette Holders and Cases, and Fine Havana cigars put up 25 in a box.

Brainerd and the Land Office.

The correspondent of the Minneapolis Tribune from St. Cloud shows that the people of that city are squirming considerably over the proposed removal of the land office from their town to this city. It says that "there is a report from Washington to the effect that our Brainerd friends are working hard to secure the removal of the land office from St. Cloud to that city. C. F. Kindred is on the ground with a carpet bag full of papers to show wherein the government would be better served with a land office at Brainerd. The law relating to land office removals is found in section 2261, revised statutes of the United States, and is as follows:

"The president is authorized to change the location of land offices in the different land districts established by law, and to relocate the same from time to time, as he may deem expedient."

"To secure the location of a land office within her own borders has long been the cherished aim and purpose of our rival up the river. This was the ruling spirit of our ambitious neighbor two years ago, when they brought Kindred out for Congress, and waged such a fierce campaign as to fasten on this district the epithet of the 'fighting fifth.'"

But the day has passed when the government and the tantalizing land office is still here."

A pair of those high button kid boots, with tassels on would make the little girl a nice Christmas present. Call and see them at Day & Meagher's.

To Water Consumers.

The next quarterly rentals will be due January first and payable at the office of the company. Six days grace will be given consumers to make payments but where rentals remain unpaid on January 7th the company will consider such non-payment a notice that water is no longer wanted and will immediately cut off. At any time thereafter it will cost the consumer one dollar to have connection made.

O. H. HAVILL, Treasurer, B. W. Co.

Takes it Hard.

Ed. Fuller, the man who was committed to the county jail for stealing a watch from A. L. Hoffman is quite wrathful. He was sent up for ninety days and had served thirty days of his time when he conceived the idea of breaking jail, which he did successfully and was out just a month when he was again caught at Duluth and brought back. His time for the first offense expired Wednesday morning, and if he had been orderly and had not broken out he would to-day have been a free man again, but instead of that Deputy Mattison brought him before Judge Douglas on the charge of breaking jail. Fuller expected to get 30 days more for this last act, and when his Honor told him that he would have to recommend him to the mercy of the grand jury and the district court, which convenes in March, his calmness left him and he raved and tore his hair, and swore vengeance on Judge Douglas and Sheriff Mertz. He thinks that he has been confined long enough, but he will find that if he commits a misdemeanor he will have to suffer the consequences.

Oranges, "Florida Sweets" at E. E. M. Smith's.

Gents' colored bordered, hem stitched handkerchief, fine quality at Day & Meagher's.

Lemons, "Fancy Malaya" at E. E. M. Smith's.

Musical and Dramatic Entertainment.

On Christmas night the ladies of St. Paul's Guild will give a musical and dramatic entertainment at the Sleeper Opera House. The entertainment will be one of the finest ever given in this city. The following is the programme:

PART FIRST.

Piano Solo.....Miss Carrie Smith

Vocal Solo.....Mrs. H. H. Barber

Quartet.....Messrs. Camp, Hitchcock, Alderman and Congdon.

Vocal.....Mrs. Farnham

Talbot.....Mamie Sherwood, Bessie Mulrine, Mabel Jones, Gratia Walker, Bruce Walker, Florence Howard, Rosa Brown, Miss Hitchcock, Mrs. J. L. Smith, Mrs. J. H. Bryant, Hattie French, Emma Wadhams, Bessie French, F. Fairchild, Messrs. Wilson, Hitchcock, Farness, Day, Hartley and Stanley.

PART SECOND.

Piano Solo.....Miss Mabel White

Vocal Solo.....Miss A. Mulrine

Vocal Duo.....Miss H. H. Barber and Mrs. G. Hartley.

Solo.....Mr. Alderman

Tableaux....."Artist's Dream," Mamie Metcalf, Fannie Wakeley, Bessie Mulrine, Ella Elvridge, Sue Mulrine, Mabel Jones, Mrs. Ed. Harnes, Artist Ed. Harnes.

The play will be "The Rough Diamond," Chorus, "Our Little Play is Done," from Evangeline.

Admission 35 and 50 cents. Reserved seats on sale at Cable's and McFadden & Johnson's drug store, and the Villard Hotel, and at Paquin's drug store in East Brainerd.

Try for the Book.

Ten enigmas have been furnished the DISPATCH by a correspondent in the city, two of which will be printed each week until they have all been published. The answers to them will be the name of some popular young lady and gentleman of this city. The person sending us the greatest number of correct answers during the five weeks will be presented with a copy of Whittier's poems. If two or more send in the same number of correct answers the recipient will be determined by lot.

NUMBER 3.

I am composed of 18 letters.

My 7, 2, past time.

My 5, 11, 16, 13, a kind of poem.

My 10, 6, 12, 11, 1, a ladies' friend.

My 8, 14, 17, 11, 16, to repair.

My 4, 9, 16, 3, is good to eat.

My whole is the name of a popular young lady of the city.

NUMBER 4.

I am composed of 18 letters.

My 15, 6, 10, 11, my 1st poem.

My 4, 12, 3, 9, 13, 11, to bend.

My 3, 14, 16, 13, 13, a kind of tree.

My 8, 2, 4, 1, a rod.

My 7, 14, 8, 16, to relinquish.

My 17, 3, 10, 2, a kind of fruit.

My whole is the name of a prominent young man of this city.

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Land Office at St. Cloud, Minn., Nov. 26, 1884.

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Section 10, Township 44, Range 31, in Crow Wing county, Minn., on the 2nd day of January, 1885, viz: Wm. H. Everett, of Crow Wing county, Minn., the 2nd sec. 20, Township 44, Range 31.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: D. H. FREEMAN, Register.

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In view of the Hard Winter and Hard Times which we are entering upon, We Have Determined to

MAKE SOME HOWL

From now until New Year, any way our Stock is now Complete in all branches, almost too complete to suit us, therefore we shall offer some

Unparalleled Bargains In Boots and Shoes.

Overshoes and Rubbers, UNDERWEAR, HOSIERY, CARPETS AND OIL CLOTHS,

Trunks and Valises, Neckwear and Silk Handkerchiefs,

Fur Robes and Fur Coats, Blankets and Comforters,

Cloves and Mitts, HATS and CAPS,

ALMOST GIVEN AWAY.

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CHEAP CASH STORE,

Corner Fifth and Front Streets, Brainerd.

Positively

THE LAST

CHANCE

Our Sale will Continue to

New Year's Day.

CHEAPER THAN EVER

Our LUMBERMEN'S GOODS

Must be Sold Here.

Also our Heavy Clothing.

We shall remove the balance of our

stock to Lake City as soon as

we can box them after

January 2d.

NO MISTAKE.

Just received direct from New York,

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